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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN MAY 1986

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the Department of Labor from their Current Population Survey.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	MAY 1986	APRIL 1986	MARCH 1986	MAY 1985
Total civilian labor force ^a	13,204	13,217	13,250	12,884
Total civilian employment	12,325	12,319	12,338	11,958
Total unemployment	879	898	912	926
Seasonally adjusted rate (percent)	6.7	6.8	6.9	7.2
Range ^b	6.0-7.4	6.1-7.5	6.2-7.6	6.5-7.9
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	7.3	7.1	7.2	7.3
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force ^a	13,111	13,135	13,184	12,795
Total civilian employment	12,309	12,255	12,241	11,946
Total unemployment	802	879	942	849
Unadjusted rate (percent)	6.1	6.7	7.1	6.6
Range ^b	5.4-6.8	6.0-7.4	6.4-7.8	5.9-7.3

a/ Total labor force (and components) by place of residence and including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.

b/ Range as shown is at the 90 percent level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May was 6.7 percent, down slightly from the 6.8 percent in April 1986. A year ago, in May 1985, the seasonally adjusted rate was 7.2 percent. During May in California, seasonally adjusted employment increased by 6,000 over the month while seasonally adjusted unemployment decreased by 19,000. During the twelve months since May 1985, seasonally adjusted employment in California has increased by 367,000 and unemployment has decreased by 47,000. The national civilian seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May was 7.3 percent, up from 7.1 percent in April 1986.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 52,800 during May. With the exception of mining, all major sectors of the California economy reported increased employment during May 1986. Most of the increase was seasonally expected at this time of year. The largest number of new jobs, 15,000, was in retail trade. Employment in construction and services increased by 8,600 and 7,100, respectively. Since May 1985, total nonagricultural wage and salary employment has increased by 245,100 jobs. During April 1986, the average weekly earnings of production workers in manufacturing were \$417.79.

TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE
POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA^{1/}
(Numbers in Thousands)

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	MAY 1986	APRIL 1986	MARCH 1986	MAY 1985
Total				
Labor Force	13,111	13,135	13,184	12,795
Employed	12,309	12,255	12,241	11,946
Unemployed	802	879	942	849
Unemployment Rate	6.1	6.7	7.1	6.6
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	7,139	7,090	7,068	6,808
Employed	6,756	6,661	6,630	6,405
Unemployed	382	430	438	403
Unemployment Rate	5.4	6.1	6.2	5.9
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,258	5,331	5,347	5,267
Employed	4,960	5,012	4,985	4,927
Unemployed	298	319	361	340
Unemployment Rate	5.7	6.0	6.8	6.5
Both Sexes, Age 16-19				
Labor Force	714	713	769	720
Employed	592	583	626	614
Unemployed	122	130	143	106
Unemployment Rate	17.1	18.3	18.6	14.8
White				
Labor Force	11,287	11,357	11,275	10,916
Employed	10,628	10,642	10,500	10,212
Unemployed	659	715	776	704
Unemployment Rate	5.8	6.3	6.9	6.4
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	1,824	1,778	1,909	1,879
Employed	1,681	1,613	1,741	1,734
Unemployed	143	164	166	145
Unemployment Rate	7.9	9.2	8.7	7.7

^{1/} Data supplied by the Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS^{a/} OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING
IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
California	\$417.79	\$414.10	\$399.99	40.8	40.4	39.8	\$10.24	\$10.25	\$10.05

^{a/} Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates but are averages of gross earnings. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR APRIL PRELIMINARY
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
—DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY—

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH MAY 86	PREVIOUS MONTH APRIL 86	YEAR AGO MAY 85	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
				MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Total Nonagricultural Employment	11,208.3	11,155.5	10,963.2	52.8	245.1	0.5	2.2
Mining	48.1	46.2	50.8	-0.1	-4.7	-0.2	-9.3
Metal Mining	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuel Mining	37.5	37.7	41.9	-0.2	-4.4	-0.5	-10.5
Nonmetal Mining	6.9	6.8	7.2	0.1	-0.3	1.5	-4.2
Construction	484.2	475.6	481.7	8.6	2.5	1.8	0.5
General Building Contractors	130.2	126.3	128.1	3.9	2.1	3.1	1.6
Heavy Construction	66.5	64.5	66.9	2.0	-0.4	3.1	-0.6
Special Trade Contractors	287.5	284.8	286.7	2.7	0.8	0.9	0.3
Manufacturing	2,092.9	2,089.0	2,083.6	3.9	9.3	0.2	0.4
Nondurable Goods	635.9	634.0	631.4	1.9	4.5	0.3	0.7
Durable Goods	1,457.0	1,455.0	1,452.2	2.0	4.8	0.1	0.3
Food and Kindred	161.4	159.5	163.1	1.9	-1.7	1.2	-1.0
Canned, Cured, Frozen Sea Foods	4.5	4.5	4.9	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-8.2
Preserved Fruits and Vegetables	44.1	42.6	45.4	1.5	-1.3	3.5	-2.9
Other Food and Kindred Products	112.8	112.4	112.8	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0
Textile Mill Products	14.0	13.8	13.6	0.2	0.4	1.4	2.9
Apparel and Other Textile Products	111.8	112.3	109.4	-0.5	2.4	-0.4	2.2
Paper and Allied Products	40.7	40.4	39.9	0.3	0.8	0.7	2.0
Printing and Publishing	142.8	142.3	138.4	0.5	4.4	0.4	3.2
Chemicals and Allied Products	63.8	63.7	63.9	0.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.2
Petroleum and Coal Products	28.1	28.2	29.2	-0.1	-1.1	-0.4	-3.8
Rubber and Misc. Plastic Products	66.2	66.6	65.9	-0.4	0.3	-0.6	0.5
Leather and Leather Products	7.1	7.2	8.0	-0.1	-0.9	-1.4	-11.3
Lumber & Wood Prod. exc. Furniture	60.4	58.9	56.8	1.5	3.6	2.5	6.3
Furniture and Fixtures	60.3	60.7	58.7	-0.4	1.6	-0.7	2.7
Stone, Clay and Glass Products	51.4	50.9	51.1	0.5	0.3	1.0	0.6
Primary Metal Industries	41.1	41.1	41.9	0.0	-0.8	0.0	-1.9
Fabricated Metal Products	147.4	146.6	149.6	0.8	-1.2	0.5	-0.8
Machinery except Electrical	222.3	222.7	233.5	-0.4	-11.2	-0.2	-4.8
Electrical Equipment and Supplies	418.1	418.9	420.1	-0.8	-2.0	-0.2	-0.5
Transportation Equipment	309.7	308.7	292.7	1.0	17.0	0.3	5.8
Motor Vehicles and Equipment	37.0	36.7	34.9	0.3	2.1	0.8	6.0
Aircraft and Parts	164.2	163.5	151.8	0.7	12.4	0.4	8.2
Ship & Boat Building & Repairing	16.7	17.3	16.1	-0.6	0.6	-3.5	3.7
Guided Miss., Space Vehicles Parts	80.2	79.6	78.2	0.6	2.0	0.8	2.6
Other Transportation Equipment	11.6	11.6	11.7	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.9
Instruments and Related Products	111.7	112.0	113.6	-0.3	-1.9	-0.3	-1.7
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	34.6	34.5	35.2	0.1	-0.6	0.3	-1.7
Transportation and Public Utilities	564.1	561.8	563.0	2.3	1.1	0.4	0.2
Transportation	321.6	319.0	314.9	2.6	6.7	0.8	2.1
Railroads	23.0	23.0	23.8	0.0	-0.8	0.0	-3.4
Trucking and Warehousing	131.9	129.7	128.4	2.2	3.5	1.7	2.7
Other Transportation	166.7	166.3	162.7	0.4	4.0	0.2	2.5
Communications	160.9	161.3	167.8	-0.4	-6.9	-0.2	-4.1
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	81.6	81.5	80.3	0.1	1.3	0.1	1.6
Wholesale Trade	687.1	682.2	671.1	4.9	16.0	0.7	2.4
Retail Trade	1,981.7	1,966.7	1,924.6	15.0	57.1	0.8	3.0
General Merchandise Stores	234.1	234.6	229.1	-0.5	5.0	-0.2	2.2
Food Stores	277.7	276.0	270.6	1.7	7.1	0.6	2.6
Other Retail Trade	1,469.9	1,456.1	1,424.9	13.8	45.0	0.9	3.2
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	757.7	753.6	726.6	4.1	31.1	0.5	4.3
Finance	365.8	364.6	357.8	1.2	8.0	0.3	2.2
Insurance Agents, Carriers, Brokers	198.7	197.8	192.1	0.9	6.6	0.5	3.4
Real Estate	171.9	170.1	156.7	1.8	15.2	1.1	9.7
Comb. Holding and Other Investment Co.	21.3	21.1	20.0	0.2	1.3	0.9	6.5
Services	2,718.3	2,711.2	2,635.2	7.1	83.1	0.3	3.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	143.6	142.0	142.5	1.6	1.1	1.1	0.8
Personal Services	124.2	127.1	119.7	-2.9	4.5	-2.3	3.8
Business Services	657.2	653.2	637.7	4.0	19.5	0.6	3.1
Auto and Misc. Repair Services	167.9	166.4	162.6	1.5	5.3	0.9	3.3
Motion Pictures	72.2	74.1	75.5	-1.9	-3.3	-2.6	-4.4
Amusement and Recreation Services	117.9	115.4	114.2	2.5	3.7	2.2	3.2
Health Services	669.2	667.0	643.6	2.2	25.6	0.3	4.0
Other Services	766.1	766.0	739.4	0.1	26.7	0.0	3.6
Government	1,876.2	1,869.2	1,826.6	7.0	49.6	0.4	2.7
Federal Government	348.8	347.2	341.6	1.6	7.2	0.5	2.1
State and Local Governments	1,527.4	1,522.0	1,485.0	5.4	42.4	0.4	2.9
County	235.8	235.5	228.4	0.3	7.4	0.1	3.2
City	200.6	199.3	196.1	1.3	4.5	0.7	2.3
Education	813.7	811.1	789.9	2.6	23.8	0.3	3.0
Education State	154.6	154.9	153.6	-0.3	1.0	-0.2	0.7
Education Local	659.1	656.2	636.3	2.9	22.8	0.4	3.6
Other State and Local	277.3	276.1	270.6	1.2	6.7	0.4	2.5
State exc. ed	180.5	179.9	176.7	0.6	3.8	0.3	2.2
Special District	96.8	96.2	93.9	0.6	2.9	0.6	3.1
Total Agriculture	362.2	310.0	369.3	52.2	-7.1	16.8	-1.9

SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Employment Data and Research Division
NOTE: Current month's data are preliminary.

TABLE 5
MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
APRIL 1986

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT *
STATE TOTAL	13,134,600	12,255,300	879,300	6.7
Alameda	636,100	596,600	39,500	6.2
Alpine	750	725	25	3.7
Amador	8,575	7,775	800	9.3
Butte	68,075	60,600	7,475	11.0
Calaveras	10,475	9,375	1,100	10.4
Colusa	7,525	6,475	1,050	14.1
Contra Costa	375,725	354,900	20,825	5.5
Del Norte	6,875	5,925	950	13.9
El Dorado	52,100	48,600	3,500	6.8
Fresno	282,000	241,500	40,500	14.4
Glenn	10,400	9,125	1,275	12.3
Humboldt	47,575	42,825	4,750	10.0
Imperial	41,150	30,800	10,350	25.2
Inyo	9,200	8,625	575	6.3
Kern	217,000	189,500	27,500	12.7
Kings	34,000	29,825	4,175	12.3
Lake	17,225	14,850	2,375	13.8
Lassen	8,925	7,825	1,100	12.4
Los Angeles	4,029,000	3,797,000	232,000	5.8
Madera	32,075	27,775	4,300	13.4
Marin	125,350	120,900	4,450	3.5
Mariposa	6,525	5,900	625	9.5
Mendocino	32,750	29,350	3,400	10.4
Merced	70,400	59,200	11,200	15.9
Modoc	4,175	3,725	450	10.9
Mono	4,625	4,300	325	6.8
Monterey	150,400	133,600	16,800	11.2
Napa	46,875	43,975	2,900	6.2
Nevada	27,225	25,025	2,200	8.1
Orange	1,200,900	1,151,400	49,500	4.1
Placer	69,900	65,400	4,500	6.4
Plumas	8,450	7,125	1,325	15.7
Riverside	346,800	322,300	24,500	7.1
Sacramento	455,400	425,900	29,500	6.5
San Benito	14,775	11,900	2,875	19.5
San Bernardino	457,200	428,700	28,500	6.2
San Diego	989,200	939,600	49,600	5.0
San Francisco	406,625	384,425	22,200	5.5
San Joaquin	183,000	159,500	23,500	12.8
San Luis Obispo	88,500	83,750	4,750	5.4
San Mateo	340,150	326,275	13,875	4.1
Santa Barbara	174,200	164,700	9,500	5.5
Santa Clara	811,500	762,800	48,700	6.0
Santa Cruz	118,300	107,400	10,900	9.2
Shasta	51,850	45,050	6,800	13.1
Sierra	1,475	1,250	225	16.1
Siskiyou	18,375	15,775	2,600	14.1
Solano	123,500	114,550	8,950	7.3
Sonoma	173,200	162,300	10,900	6.3
Stanislaus	144,500	120,800	23,700	16.4
Sutter	23,300	18,600	4,700	20.1
Tehama	17,850	15,850	2,000	11.1
Trinity	5,475	4,675	800	14.4
Tulare	126,800	110,450	16,350	12.9
Tuolumne	15,800	14,050	1,750	11.1
Ventura	318,500	297,600	20,900	6.6
Yolo	65,500	59,300	6,200	9.5
Yuba	20,375	17,150	3,225	15.8

*NOTE: Census ratios used in deriving these estimates are from the 1980 Census. Unemployment rate is based on unrounded data. Data not seasonally adjusted. Imperial County estimates are lower beginning with the January 1986 report due to a change in the method of estimating unemployment.